PLANT FACT SHEET

Vachellia amythethophylla (Steud. ex A. Rich.) Kyal. & Boatwr.

GENUS *Vachellia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Large-leafed acacia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

The young leaves are used as a green vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It is spiny. It grows 2-15 m high. The bark is rough and grey-brown. It has cracks. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are large and 10-20 cm wide. The flowers have a scent. The flowers are golden-yellow. They are in heads 8-13 mm long. The seeds are smooth and dark brown. They are narrowly oval and 8-10 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry soils. It grows in woodland. It grows between 600-1,830 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. It grows in the Sahel.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.

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